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To Whom It May Concern:

Please allow me to introduce myself, I am the Chief of Police for the above Department. On 22 JANUARY 03 at approximately 0610 hours I had a blow out on the Sprain Brook Parkway, South Bound, in the vicinity of Tuckahoe Road. I called the NY State Police and they dispatched a Help truck to my location. Within 10 to 15 minutes the truck arrived.

The operator of the truck (number 10) was a gentleman by the name of Jerry. He was very courteous and helpful. I told him all I needed was a light so I could change the tire that went flat. Jerry stated to me just have a seat in your vehicle and I will take care of everything for you. I told Jerry I was a cop (just in the event he saw my firearm when I exited the car and pulled out my spare tire) but that did not matter to him. I was not looking for any special treatment. Jerry stated he was there to help me.

I have been in law enforcement over 21 years and when I was a patrolman in the South Bronx I use to do the same for people that got stuck on the Cross Bronx or Major Degan Highways. This time it was me that needed help. I felt very funny just sitting there watching Jerry change the tire in freezing weather conditions.

Upon completion, Jerry stated that there was no charge and that he could not accept a tip for his service. Jerry is a very loyal and dedicated employee of yours and should be commended for a suburb job that he did for me and which he does everyday for the citizens that travel the roadways. Your service is the very best I have ever seen in all my years in law enforcement. Motorist should be more than happy NY State provides this service for them.

I thank you and please convey my thanks to Jerry once again.

Very Respectfully,

Alan J. Odze
Chief of Police